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Subject: VENEZUELA'S GENERAL STRIKE AS OF 5:00 PM APRIL 11
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THE DEMONSTRATION

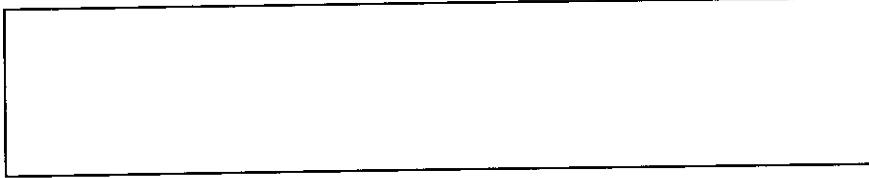
1. (U) The day's march finally has come to a halt at Plaza O'Leary de Silencio. Opposition and Chavista demonstrators have assembled on opposite sides of a National Guard (GN) cordon. The GN is using tear gas when demonstrators advance on them in order to maintain separation and order at the site. Nonetheless, order has begun to fray. Protesters are throwing rocks and tear gas canisters back toward GN positions. Globovision is reporting that Enrique Mendoza, Governor of Miranda state was hospitalized following exposure to tear gas and is in delicate condition. It was not clear, based on the report, that Mendoza was at Plaza O'Leary de Silencio.

CHAVEZ SPEAKS AND TV LOSES ITS VOICE

2. (U) President Chavez is speaking on a "cadena," accusing the media of inciting the crisis. During the cadena, the private television stations have gone off the air, although some have managed to continue to broadcast over cable. In text messages at the bottom of the screen, the stations are blaming the government for disrupting the transmissions.

SHOOTING AT MIRAFLORES

3. (U) The radio is reporting gunfire at Miraflores palace. According to the report, thirty people were wounded and two killed. It apparently involved Chavez supporters and the Metropolitan Police, but details are sketchy. We have a separate report that a radio journalist has been killed. We do not know if it was the same incident.



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